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Listing, classification and packing: miscellaneous

Editorial amendment to P 906

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Introduction

1. An amendment to the proper shipping name of Nos. 3151 and 3152 was adopted on the basis of document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2013/55 (Germany) during the last session of the Sub-Committee. The scope of those two shipping names was extended to cover halogenated monomethyldiphenylmethanes which have similar chemical and ecotoxicological properties to polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and polychlorinated terphenyls (PCTs).

2. This amendment requires a consequential editorial amendment to P 906 which was overlooked.

[1] In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2013-2014 approved by the Committee at its sixth session (refer to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/84, para. 86 and ST/SG/AC.10/40, para. 14).

Proposal

3. Amend P 906 as follows:

P 906	PACKING INSTRUCTION	P 906
This instruction applies to UN Nos. 2315, 3151, 3152 and 3432.		
The following packagings are authorized, provided that the general provisions of **4.1.1** and **4.1.3** are met: (1) For liquids and solids containing or contaminated with PCBs or polyhalogenated biphenyls or terphenyls or halogenated monomethyldiphenylmethanes: Packagings in accordance with P001 or P002, as appropriate. (2) For transformers and condensers and other devices: (a) Packagings in accordance with packing instructions P001 or P002. The articles shall be secured with suitable cushioning material to prevent inadvertent movement during normal conditions of transport; or (b) Leakproof packagings which are capable of containing, in addition to the devices, at least 1.25 times the volume of the liquid PCBs, polyhalogenated biphenyls, ~~or~~ polyhalogenated terphenyls or halogenated monomethyldiphenylmethanes present in them. There shall be sufficient absorbent material in the packagings to absorb at least 1.1 times the volume of liquid which is contained in the devices. In general, transformers and condensers shall be carried in leakproof metal packagings which are capable of holding, in addition to the transformers and condensers, at least 1.25 times the volume of the liquid present in them. Notwithstanding the above, liquids and solids not packaged in accordance with P001 and P002 and unpackaged transformers and condensers may be transported in cargo transport units fitted with a leakproof metal tray to a height of at least 800 mm, containing sufficient inert absorbent material to absorb at least 1.1 times the volume of any free liquid.		
Additional requirement: Adequate provisions shall be taken to seal the transformers and condensers to prevent leakage during normal conditions of transport.		